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SUBJECT: CODEL GIFTS

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1. USLO AGREES WITH THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S THINKING (REFTEL B) ON THE GIFTS QUESTION. WE HAD HOPED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION INFORMALLY WITH TANG LUNG-PIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MFA PROTOCOL'S AMERICAN AND OCEANIA DIVISION, THE ONE APPROPRIATE-LEVEL OFFICIAL WE ARE RELATIVELY CONFIDENT WOULD GIVE US A STRAIGHT ANSWER. UNFORTUNATELY THE WORD WE'VE BEEN GETTING FOR SEVERAL DAYS NOW IS THAT TANG IS HOME SICK. IN VIEW OF URGENCY INDICATED BY REFTEL A, WE REQUESTED ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 13 AN APPOINTMENT WITH TING YUAN-HUNG, DIRECTOR OF MFA'S OFFICE OF U.S. AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS THIS GENERAL TOPIC. AS OF 5:00 PM THE SAME DAY, THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.

2. COMPARABLE FRENCH AND BRITISH DELEGATIONS WOULD NOT, THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES HERE TELL US, GO IN FOR ANY GIFTS OF APPRECIABLE MONETARY VALUE, BUT THEIR "MAJOR" GIFT (E.G. PICTURE OF THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT IN THE CASE OF THE BRITISH) WOULD BE FOR THE MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL RECEIVING THE DELEGATION. THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ON THE OTHER HAND, TELLS US IT DISCOURAGES ANY GIFT GIVING;

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BUT IF A DELEGATION INSISTS SINGLE GIFT, E.G. A PAINTING,

IS PRESENTED TO THE HOST IN THE CONTEXT OF A BANQUET.
OF COURSE WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE TIDINESS AND OVERALL
RATIONALE OF CPIFA'S BEING THE FORMAL RECIPIENT
OF A SINGLE GIFT FROM A CODEL AND WE CONCUR WITH THIS
PROCEDURE. BUSH

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